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Cool, windy today. Fair tomorrow, moderate temperature, low humidity.
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Yanks 4 Miles From Cherbourg, Capture Valognes and Push On As Bradley Steps Up Offensive

Germans Also Cleaned Out of Montebourg

BULLETIN.
NEW YORK (AP)—German troops cut off at Cherbourg by the American advance were warned over British Broadcasting Corp. facilities today that their position was hopeless and that surrender would be their wisest move. The warning was broadcast in German by a British officer.

SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, June 20.—Reinforced American troops plunged to within 4 miles of Cherbourg late today in an all-out offensive of mounting fury, and also seized Valognes, 10 miles southeast of the great harbor.

The veteran United States 9th Division spearheaded the deepest drive directly south of Cherbourg—a death pocket for perhaps up to 50,000 Nazis—advancing to St. Martin le Grand only 4 miles away.

On the southeast approach to the town, the 9th Division's 2nd Infantry Brigade, which had been ordered to capture Valognes, pushed a mile beyond, and cleaned the Germans out of by-passed Montebourg, 4 miles from Valognes.

The Germans were falling back on the inner perimeter of Cherbourg's defenses, Associated Press Correspondent Roger Greene said in a dispatch from American headquarters. He added the Germans fell back from Valognes "without attempting a major stand."

The power drive directly south of Cherbourg carried the 9th Division's 2nd Infantry Brigade, which had been ordered to capture Valognes, pushed a mile beyond, and cleaned the Germans out of by-passed Montebourg, 4 miles from Valognes.

On the eastern coast of the trap tightening steadily on Cherbourg, an American column drove 2 miles north of Quineville.

Montebourg, won and lost by the Yanks in bitter street fighting and then by-passed in the push to Valognes, now has been completely occupied, supreme headquarters said.

Toward the eastern flank of the long Normandy front, British forces battling against a wall of Nazi armor struck 6 miles southwest of Tilly-sur-Seulles and seized Hotot-le-Village. Two Nazi counterattacks aimed at retaking the town were beaten back.

American forces on the west coast also made progress north of Barneville, where the first break-through was made, sealing off the pocket of Cherbourg Peninsula. Opposition in this sector was reported light.

The Germans have three semi-circular defense lines around Cherbourg, with the biggest stretching out 6 miles from the port. Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's offensive has pierced deep through this line and apparently has reached the second defense wall.

Port Being Demolished.
Air reconnaissance disclosed the Germans have been demolishing the port of Cherbourg and that it is in bad shape, indicating they had given up holding it for very long.

There were indications the Germans were weaker on the western side of the peninsula than in the east. Heavy fighting has raged in the Montebourg-Valognes sector.

'40 Invasion Ended Before Nazis Could Embark, Churchill Says

Heavy Concentrations of Ships and Men Were Ready to Leave, Commons Is Told

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, June 20.—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that a German attempt to invade Britain in 1940 had been smashed before heavy concentrations of ships and troops were able to leave continental ports.

Mr. Churchill's statement came in response to a series of questions from the floor by Maj. Vyvyan Adams, who asked the Prime Minister if he could give the House a list of a reported Nazi invasion attempt.

Mr. Churchill first said he had nothing to add to the government's previous noncommittal replies, but when Maj. Adams asked whether "the enemy set in motion the apparatus of sea-borne invasion," the Prime Minister said:

"I do not quite know what is meant by setting in motion. Setting in motion in the sense of crossing the Channel, 'No,' but setting in motion in the sense of making very heavy concentrations of troops and ships to cross the Channel, 'Yes.'"

Laborite Emanuel Shinwell then asked: "I suppose he (the Prime Minister) could say that if such an invasion was made, at any rate it was unsuccessful?"

Mr. Churchill smiled and answered: "Yes."

"Did any of this shipping ever emerge from ports across the Channel?" Maj. Adams pressed.

"Not to my belief," the Prime Minister said. "A great deal of it was sunk in ports and then they changed their minds."

Fall of Elba Weakens Nazi Position in Italy; Allies Enter Perugia

Major Communications Center Is 85 Miles North of Rome

(Pictures on Page A-2.)

ROME, June 20.—Allied forces pressing northward on the Italian mainland have entered Perugia, major communications center 72 miles airline southeast of Florence and 85 miles north of Rome, after the German position in the north had been weakened by the conquest of Elba by French Colonial troops.

The French crushed the last stubborn resistance on Elba yesterday. The swift campaign netted 1,800 prisoners, all but a small portion of the enemy garrison.

Organized resistance on Elba collapsed with the capture of Porto Longone, on the eastern shore. The garrison of about 300 there surrendered. Large quantities of material were abandoned by the enemy.

Spotty Resistance.
Perugia was entered by 8th Army troops, which were encountering spotty resistance today. On both sides of the city, however, Allied forces advanced a considerable distance, an Allied communiqué said.

300 Jap Planes Bagged; Saipan Airfield Seized

Enemy Claims 300 Planes, Battleship And Two Cruisers

By the Associated Press.
PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 20.—American carrier pilots and warship guns have destroyed an estimated 300 Japanese planes off Saipan to win the biggest Pacific air battle since Midway, while a land surge captured a vital airstrip and sealed off the southern end of the island.

In a battle lasting several hours, the off-shore task force smashed a sustained Japanese aerial assault Sunday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said first information reported only one American vessel damaged.

(Imperial Japanese headquarters declared, without confirmation, that 300 American planes were destroyed and a battleship, two cruisers, a destroyer and one submarine were sunk during the battle. A broadcast enemy communiqué also said Japanese aircraft were still attacking the American ships.)

This claim may have been a follow-up to a Tokyo broadcast promising "that the Japanese navy in the near future will win a great naval victory in the Central Pacific."

Seabees Prepare Airstrip.
With the land battle still raging to their north and southwest, Seabees are preparing the newly captured Saipan airstrip on Saipan's southern coast—the first American air base within Japan's Central Pacific middle defense arc. Its capture climaxes the long drive toward air bases strategically dominating the oceanic approaches to Tokyo.

Pushing through tangled cane fields and swamps, American marines and Army troops traversed the island on a wide front to reach Magicienne Bay on the east coast, 3½ miles from the western landing beach. In this 1½-mile advance since Friday, the Japanese forces were cut off in Nafutan Point, Saipan's southeastern extremity.

Guam and Rota Stranded.
The Japanese aerial thrust—their biggest since Midway—included some planes apparently based on distant carriers and using nearby shore bases for shuttle landings, the United States communiqué said.

It added that systematic American bombing and strafing of airfields on Guam and Rota "sharply limited" the effectiveness of the Japanese shuttle land fields. Designated 100 miles south of Saipan, indicated enemy carriers were some distance from the Marianas.

American forces hold a 5-mile-long coastal strip on the western shore line, where they have expanded from their original beachhead at Agaña Point.

Thurston En Route Here
NEW ORLEANS, June 20 (AP)—Walter Thurston, Ambassador to Salvador, arrived here last night on the Pan-American Clipper from Central America. He was en route to Washington.

Britain Strike-Free
BARNESLEY, England, June 20 (AP)—Britain was strike-free today as 500 miners here ended a 12-day work-stoppage.

Itself seemed calm enough. Other ships went on the beach and the area just off the beach was crowded with craft. As I was concentrated on our beaching problem, I saw little of what was happening to others.

The obstacles could be seen plainly. They were thick over the whole of the beach, with small Teller mines attached to most of them. Some were submerged, some half out of water.

The only thing to do was to pick a likely spot and ram through. The ship headed in at around 12 knots. The thud of underwater obstacles could be felt on the bottom and sides of the ship. As the bow grounded, a mine exploded, ripping a hole in the forward part of the ship.

One ramp went over, and a sea-man went down to the beach with a heavy line. This line was to assist the troops as they waded ashore through the mine field.

Reds Pouring Shells Into Port of Viipuri From 9 Miles Away

Reports Reaching Swedish Source Say Finns Have Yielded City

By the Associated Press.
MOSCOW, June 20.—Big guns of the Red Army, only 9 miles from the Finnish seaport of Viipuri, poured salvo after salvo into its outskirts today.

(Reports reaching a reliable Swedish source said today that the Finns have yielded Viipuri to the Russian Army.)

Investigative Correspondent Ivan Osipov said the speed of the "remarkable" offensive was increasing.

Maj. Nikolai Shvankov, the Red Star correspondent, declared coastal defenses of the Finns along the Gulf of Viipuri have collapsed and Soviet sailors are threatening to cut off large numbers of the enemy in little peninsula south of the city.

Outside Viipuri the Russians defeated the 18th and 10th Finnish Infantry Brigades, a fresh cavalry unit and a crack Finnish "Yellow Regiment."

There were no indications in Moscow that the Finns are seeking to reopen peace negotiations. The general view is that soon the Red Army will be at the 1940 Russo-Finnish treaty frontier, which is 16 miles beyond Viipuri.

A Red Fleet dispatch said Russian ships are pounding Finnish craft in the Gulf of Viipuri and the Gulf of Finland, sinking two transports totaling 14,000 tons. In Viipuri Gulf two other Finnish transports were sunk, in addition to smaller craft. Heavy ships of the Soviet Fleet are moving up the Gulf of Finland and adding their weight to the assault on the city.

Revamping of Cabinet In Finland Predicted
LONDON, June 20 (AP)—As the fall of Viipuri appeared imminent, a London News-Chronicle correspondent, with the Russian troops declared today that, according to Marshal Leonid A. Govorov's forces were fighting in the city's suburbs.

The correspondent said the Russians "shortly will be in a position to dictate terms" to the Finns.

A prediction that the Finnish cabinet would be revamped came from the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, which said Finance Minister Edwin Linkomies and Premier Vaino Tanner, the two men largely responsible for Finland's rejection of Soviet armistice terms three months ago, would retire.



U. S. Gun Crew Bags First Robot Plane in England

Supreme Allied Headquarters, June 20.—A few seconds after shooting the last bolt into place on a 40-millimeter gun destined for Normandy, an alert United States Army maintenance crew used the weapon last week to bag what is thought to be the first pilotless plane shot down in Southern England.

A direct hit was scored with the second round after Capt. Albert E. Reuning, Jackson, Miss., commanding officer, spied a projectile hurtling toward the field.

The American 9th Air Force is producing a new type of fighter "aces" who have joined the sky patrols waiting to shoot down German rocket bombs.

Mustang Pilot Lt. Lewis Powers, Albuquerque, N. Mex., shot down two and shared another with an RAF fighter last night in addition to one he nailed the previous night.

Lt. Powers sighted the first combat at about 2,000 feet. He dived for it, saw it several bursts and watched it crash.

Individual Bond Sales Reach 20% of Quota With \$700,000 Boost

Series 'E' Purchases Are Lifted by \$400,000 In New Report

District subscriptions in the Fifth War Loan Campaign reached 20 per cent of the \$61,000,000 individual bond sale goal today when an additional \$700,000 was reported for yesterday's sales, raising the individual total to \$12,400,000.

Reports still are unavailable on corporation purchases, which comprise almost 43 per cent of the total of \$107,000,000 sought in the District.

Included in today's report was \$400,000 in series "E" bond purchases, sending that total to \$7,600,000, or 22.4 per cent of the \$34,000,000 series "E" quota.

Warning that sales to date fall below those of the corresponding period in the Fourth War Loan drive, John A. Reilly, chairman of the District War Finance Committee, urged volunteers "to go after the little fellows."

Urges Personal Calls.
"This campaign cannot be a success," he declared, "unless we round up the small investors. It is a matter of doorbell ringing and personal solicitation. . . . We have no time to lose if the result of this campaign is to have maximum morale-building effect on our fighting forces."

Sales in the national campaign to raise \$60,000,000 in individual bond purchases stand at \$84,000,000 for the first week of the drive, 14 per cent of the individual quota. The overall goal in the national program is \$16,000,000,000.

Victor Borge, comic concert pianist, will be featured on tonight's show at the Army Air Forces "Shot From the Sky" exhibit with a presentation of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." He will be accompanied by the 90-piece Navy School of Music Band.

Submarine Grayback Listed by Navy as Lost, 24th Since War Began

Comdr. John A. Moore Was Skipper of Craft, Presumably in Pacific

By the Associated Press.
Loss of the submarine Grayback, presumably in operations against the Japanese in the Far Pacific, was announced today by the Navy.

The 1,475-ton submersible carried an estimated personnel of 65 officers and men.

She was commanded by Comdr. John Anderson Moore, Lowell, Ariz., who is listed as missing in action. Comdr. Moore's wife, Mrs. Virginia S. Moore, lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Comdr. Moore was on duty in the Bureau of Naval Affairs here in 1940. The loss of the Grayback, officially listed as overdue and presumed lost, brings to 24 the number of American submarines missing since December 7, 1941. Of that total, two were sunk in the Atlantic Ocean during training and other maneuvers and one was destroyed to prevent capture. The others all are listed as overdue from patrol and presumed lost.

The Navy never tells where submarines operated on their last war patrols. However, most action by American submarines has been in the Pacific, many of them operating along Japan's shorelines against enemy shipping.

Against the total of 24 submarines lost since the war started, the submersibles have built up a record of 78 Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged. The total includes 607 definitely sent to the bottom.

Among the enemy vessels accounted for by subs are a number of warships, although the submersibles' activities have been directed principally against enemy supply lines for Japanese garrisons in the Pacific. The subs have been credited by Admiral Ernest King, commander in chief of the United States Fleet, with operations that could determine the course of the war in the Pacific.

The Grayback, built by the Electric Boat Co. at Groton, Conn., was commissioned in 1941. She was christened by Mrs. Wilson Brown, wife of Rear Admiral Brown, naval aide to President Roosevelt.

Comdr. Moore, 34, a native of Brownwood, Tex., had taken submarine warfare deep into enemy territory and was officially credited with the sinking of an auxiliary cruiser and two freighters. He received the Navy Cross for heroism in the action.

Allies in Northeast India Advance 17 Miles in Day

By the Associated Press.

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 20.—Parallel columns of Imperial troops striking south from Kohima toward Imphal have advanced 17 miles, the greatest single day of progress in the counter-offensive to knock the Japanese from the Northeast India border regions, it was announced today.

The plunge narrowed to 29 miles the gap between forces fighting below Kohima and those advancing north from Imphal. The two strongpoints are 60 miles apart. Headquarters estimated 3,500 Japanese have been killed in this sector.

The southern push seized Mao Sungsang, brushed the enemy aside in Taphema, and continued to just west of Maram. Two other towns were taken.

Nazi Big Guns Open Up Across Dover Strait

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, June 20.—German big guns in the Cape Gris-Nez area on the French coast opened up shortly after 2 a.m. today and for 15 minutes hurled shells across Dover Strait.

Later the German radio said the Nazi batteries had shelled several large Allied ships in the strait and had forced them to flee.

Bricker Gaining As Backers 'Put' Dewey in Race

New York Supporters Say Governor Would Accept Nomination

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, June 20.—New York backers lifted the wraps today on Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the leading contender in the Republican presidential race, but Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio picked up new support in what his friends hope may be a winning stretch run.

The New York Governor emerged as an all-but-avowed aspirant for the nomination after a news conference yesterday in which J. Russell Sprague, national committeeman; Edwin P. Jackie, State chairman; and Herbert Brownell, Jr., twice Gov. Dewey's campaign manager, expressed the opinion Gov. Dewey would be willing to head the ticket if the GOP wants him.

Their action in slipping off the blanket of silence which has surrounded Gov. Dewey's reaction to the Nation-wide draft campaign in his behalf went without comment from Bricker leaders here for the nominating convention next week. But in Maryland there was a break toward Bricker camp and adherents thought was significant.

Reese Praises Bricker.
Sheridan F. Smith of Baltimore, named a delegate by the Republican State convention that urged Gov. Dewey as a candidate, announced he would vote for Gov. Bricker on the first ballot. There were signs some others in the 16-vote delegation might follow this lead.

Representative Carroll Reese, Republican, of Tennessee, a National Committee member, said Gov. Bricker undoubtedly had made a good impression on speaking tours and was showing new push.

"But," he added, "it is difficult to say whether any of this has been translated into delegate strength."

Against this, some of the delegates, drifting in singly and in pairs for the opening session of the Platform Committee tomorrow, brought along reports of widespread Dewey backing.

Senator Thomas, Republican, of Idaho told a reporter his State's 11-vote delegation, which was uninstructed, was solidly for Gov. Dewey.

"Every Idaho delegate is a Dewey man," Senator Thomas declared. "Personally I'm for Gov. Earl Warren of California for Vice President. We're going to back Dewey and draft Warren even if Warren doesn't want to run."

West for Dewey, Kelland Says.
Gov. Warren, the convention keynote, has said he does not want any delegate to vote for him for any Federal office.

Clarence Budington Kelland, Arizona national committeeman, voiced the opinion in a lobby interview that the West is "predominantly for Dewey."

On the other hand Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio said the true strength of Gov. Bricker has not yet been shown.

In a radio speech backing Gov. Bricker, Senator Taft said in Washington last night that "popular polls are naturally unreliable" and that "equally unreliable are newspaper accounts of the attitude of various State delegations."

The Senator, arguing that Gov. Bricker would make the strongest candidate for the Republicans, said that not a fourth of the convention delegates actually are committed to any one man.

Preserving Gov. Dewey's contention that he is not a candidate, Mr. Sprague told a press conference it was the opinion of New York Republicans that the Governor would come to the convention to accept a proffered nomination.

"We're here to represent the Republic," he said.

Crash Kills O'Brine, Endurance Flyer

He and Dale Jackson Set World Record in 1930

By the Associated Press.
EL PASO, Tex., June 20.—Capt. Forrest E. O'Brine, 48, who teamed with Dale Jackson to establish a world endurance flight record in August, 1930, was killed in the crash of his two-engine A-26 plane yesterday at the El Paso Municipal Airport, the 9th Perry Service Station here announced.

The announcement said Capt. O'Brine was flying one of the Army's new "hot" combat ships on a delivery flight. It cracked up and burned on the take-off after one engine failed.

Capt. O'Brine was rated a senior service pilot in the ferrying division of the Air Transport Command. As a former pilot with the Chicago Southern Airlines he had 7,075 non-military hours of flying time.

The airman's home was in St. Louis, but his wife was said to be in Memphis.

Capt. O'Brine and Mr. Jackson set their endurance record of 647 hours 28 minutes and 30 seconds over St. Louis, refueling in the air. Mr. Jackson was killed January 6, 1932, in a crash at a Miami (Fla.) air meet.

The two flyers' first endurance flight shattered the record of the Army's Question Mark in 1920, flown by Maj. Carl Spaatz, now Lt. Gen. Spaatz, commander of the United States Strategic Air Force in Europe, and Capt. Ira C. Eaker, now a lieutenant general commanding Allied air forces in the Mediterranean. They established the record that stands in their next attempt.

Your \$100 Investment in War Bonds May Feed 100 Soldiers at the Front for One Day